

THE REVIVAL OF DISCIPLESHIP

I. EMBRACING JESUS' INVITATION TO FOLLOW

A. Jesus & Real People (Jn 1:35-42)

1. Jesus invites us to get real with ourselves
"What are you searching for?"
2. Jesus brings us: into real relationship with Him.
"Come and See"
3. Jesus gives us our real identity
"You shall be called Cephas"

"DISCIPLESHIP STARTS AT HELLO, NOT AT AMEN"

B. Jesus & Real Life (Jn 1:43-50)

1. Jesus calls us to follow him into real life
"Follow Me"
2. Jesus meets us where we really are.
"Behold, a true Israelite in whom there is no deceit"
3. Jesus sees us just as we really are
"Before Phillip called you, I saw you"

"DISCIPLESHIP IS A RESPONSE TO A GIFT, NOT A PAYMENT OF A DEBT"

C. Jesus & the Real World (Jn 1:50-51)

1. Jesus leads us: into adventure in the real world
*- "You believe because I saw you under a tree?
You will see greater things than this!"*

"DISCIPLESHIP IS AN ADVENTURE A LIFETIME, NOT A MEANS TO AN END"

II. Responding to Jesus' Invitation to Follow as Disciples

A. How do we hear God's calling with clarity?

BE **ATTENTIVE** TO THE SPIRIT

1. Asked in PRAYER
2. Discerned through LISTENING
3. Verified by GOD'S WORD
4. Confirmed in COMMUNITY
5. Affirmed by LEADERSHIP

B. How do we navigate God's leading with levity?

BE **RESPONSIVE** TO DIRECTION

1. INSPECT your heart... develop a response of humility
2. RESPECT God's sovereignty... develop a character of obedience
3. EXPECT life change... develop a attitude of flexibility

C. How do we invest in God's purposes with passion?

BE **INTENTIONAL** WITH RESOURCES

1. REMEMBER your PRIORITIES
 - learn the main thing;
 - and then keep it the main thing
2. REDEEM your PROFESSION
 - learn to love where you are;
 - and the purpose in who you're with
3. REPURPOSE your POSSESSIONS
 - learn freedom from materialism;
 - and stop being a slave to your stuff
4. RECOGNIZE your PEOPLE
 - learn to share Christ in every opportunity;
 - and tell your story in real life ways

AS DISCIPLES WE FOLLOW

JESUS CHRIST...

MOVED BY HIS GRACE THAT BRINGS US RENEWAL,
PROMPTED BY HIS SPIRIT THAT GIVES US STRENGTH,
COMPELLED BY HIS LOVE THAT SENDS US WITH PURPOSE.